Accupuncture technique to treat incurable diseases

† 785. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is becoming possible to treat incurable diseases through the Accupuncture technique;

(b) if so, whether it has become now possible to treat the diseases related to ear, nose and liver also through this technique;

(c) whether keeping in view the success of this technique, Government are encouraging several doctor practicing in the modem systems of medicine to take interest in it; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) According to ICMR, Accupuncture thereapy is stated to be useful for several diseases. WHO has recognized Accupuncture as a traditional mode of treatment for diseases connected with Respiratory, ocular Gastrointestinal, Neurological and Musculoskeletal conditions.

Accupuncture therapy is useful in treating various diseases including those related to eye, ear & liver.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is envisaged.

Assistance from World Bank and WHO for various programmes

†786. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any financial assistance from World Bank and World Health Organisation during last three years for National AIDS Control Programme,- Malaria Eradication Programme, Cancer Eradication Programme etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount that has been spent on the above-mentioned programmes during the said period; and

(d) the details of the remaining amount?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) The details of Financial assistance and utilisation etc. from World Bank and WHO are given in the statement annexed.

Statement

Assistance received from World Health Organisation

	National AIDS Control Programme		Malaria		Cancer	
Year	Allocation	Utilisation	Allocation	Utilisation	Allocation	Utilisation
I998&99	2.02	2.02	0.81	0.81	1.41	1.41
2000-01	0.78	1.24**	0.95	0.95	3.02	2.00*

* The remaining balance will be utilised during the remaining part of the year 2001.

* * The extra expenditure has been met from saving in other programmes.

Information about assistance received from World Bank is being obtained.

Amending warning code on smoking

787. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some foreign countries, warning code has been amended to state that smoking causes heart diseases and lung cancer;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider adopting similar measures in our country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Countries like the United State of America, Canada, Scandanavian countries like Sweden, Finland and Norway, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand have mandatory Health Warnings that have to be prominently displayed on cigarette packets and advertisements. These warnings are direct e.g. Cigarette smoking causes Lung Cancer, Emphysema, Bronchitis, can complicate pregnancy etc. etc. In Scandanavian countries, there are a set of warnings which have to be rotated. The consumers are adequately warned about the dangerous consequences of smoking.